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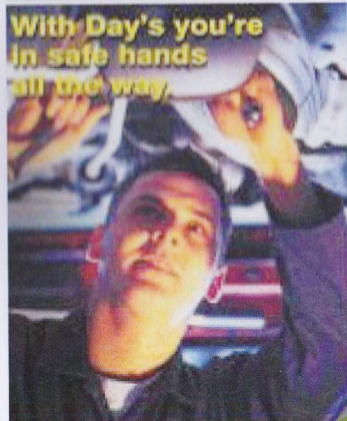
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## Services at St Peter's

### December

6th

6th, 27th

13th

17th

20th

24th

25th

6th, 13th, 27th

20th

### January

3rd

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

31st

3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st

17th

### Morning Services

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Family Service

11:00am Christingle Service

7:00pm Carols singing starting at the Barley Mow

11:00am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

5:30pm **A journey through live scenes in the Churchyard— subject to weather**

11:30pm Midnight Communion

11:00am Family Christmas Communion

### Evening Services

6:30pm Evening Prayer

6:30pm Holy Communion

### Morning Services

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Family Service

11:00am Family Holy Communion

### Evening Services

6:30pm Evensong

6:30pm Holy Communion

**All services subject to government restrictions in place at the time**

**Due to Covid-19, congregational singing is NOT allowed**

## Dates for your Diary

### DECEMBER 2020

- 1st 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council meeting via Zoom
- 12th From 9:30am Decorating the church for Christmas
- 17th Carol Singing up the lane starting from the Barley Mow car park at 7pm.
- 18th School Term ends

### JANUARY 2021

- 3rd 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council meeting via Zoom
- 4th School Term begins
- 5th 7:30 pm Parochial Church Council meeting via Zoom (TBC)

**Front Cover: Tree decorations; Photograph by Clare Addison**

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### From the Editorial Team

Due to the four-week lockdown in November, the distribution of this edition of the magazine has been late delayed. The pandemic continues and we are certainly not out of the woods yet. The community spirit lives on in Tandridge. Never before Not since the Second World War, has that spirit of community care, and getting on with life, come to the fore.

A big 'thank-you' to all those who gave of their time to write articles for the magazine. Without you, we, the team, would not have been able to produce the magazine. Christmas at St Peter's Church will be so different this year. We may not enjoy it in the ways of the past, but the story of Jesus has not changed.

As ever, if you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you, so please send them to: [tandridgenews@gmail.com](mailto:tandridgenews@gmail.com). We aim to include as much as possible in the space available in future editions.

Next edition of Tandridge Parish News will be published on  
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A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers



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## ST PETER'S ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Decorating the church for Christmas

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

11.00am Christingle Service

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Singing around the village, meet at the  
Barley Mow at 7pm

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

11.00am Nine Lessons and Carols Experience

### Christmas Eve

5.30pm Nativity Journey – start at Lychgate

11.30pm Midnight Communion

### Christmas Day

11.00am Family Christmas Communion

**\*\*ALL EVENTS ARE COVID-SAFE\*\***

All services subject to government restrictions in place at the time





# ST PETER'S CHURCH

We confirm we have taken guidance on how to open the church building in a safe way.

We have carried out a risk assessment to minimise the spread of Covid-19.

In preparing for, and ensuring the church building can remain open, we have:

- taken steps to lower the transmission risk in the building (including its contents)
- made hand sanitiser available to use on entry
- put in place measures to regularly clean surfaces to minimise the spread of infection
- taken reasonable steps to ensure people maintain a distance of 2 metres from others
- ensured church hosts have seen the risk assessment to help to minimise risks
- committed to review this on a regular basis

St Peter's Church

## From the Team Vicar ...

*"Oh, tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy"*

These words are sung with great gusto at Christmas. We form a merry choir in church or in the streets as we share in the joyous customs of the season. Until, that is, we are faced with the worrying possibility of not being able to sing at Christmas, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Our hearts sink when we think that we cannot join in.

The fact is Advent and Christmas will feel different this year. Advent is a time of faithful waiting for the coming joys of Christmas, yet it feels like 2020 has been a whole year of waiting! When will this wretched pandemic be under control? When will we be able to enjoy socialising again? When will we be able to properly comfort our more vulnerable friends and family? This is not an advent calendar door-opening kind of waiting; it is an impatient, frustrated and confusing wait.

So, in our frustration, how can we best celebrate Advent and Christmas? Well, let us borrow from our carol. "Comfort and Joy" is the phrase the Church of England are using to help us celebrate Christmas this year. What does that phrase mean to us? Where do we find comfort? Where do we find joy? Hasn't this year felt comfortless, and sometimes, joyless?

We find comfort in staying connected to one another. We find comfort in the kindness of friends and strangers. We find comfort in our homes, and in our human relationships. Perhaps we can find the source of all that comfort, not in anything glittery or glitzy, but in the rowdy, dirty stable of Bethlehem. That child born all those years ago is our comfort.

And where do we find joy? There have been glimpses of joy all through the year, however fleeting at times. We have been joyed by nature especially, it has been wonderful to see the seasons change. That said, 2020 has felt like a year where we have struggled to find joy. We trust that joy can be found at Advent and Christmas. In the nativity story we see joy in the shepherds, in Mary, in the wise men; that same joy can be found in us.

This message comes with the love and prayers of the whole of St Peter's Church this Christmas. May each one of us know the comfort and joy of that baby born in Bethlehem.

James





## Musings from the Parenting Battleground

Back in 1987 when I was eight years old, and when social media was hardly a twinkle in a teenager's eye, I remember my primary school closed due to the 'great storm' or what my dad called 'Stormin Norman'. The reason I am nodding to this moment in time is because the feeling of school closing then was monumental and exciting. The feeling of school closing during COVID as a now adult, could not have been more opposing. So when the news broke that schools would re-open again in September, I imagine I was not the only parent to have a sudden urge to go airborne. I also imagine there were varying displays of parental euphoria across the country at the school gate - displays akin to when animals are released back into the wild. Confident. Strutting. Eyes bulging at the thought of freedom. Excitable.

With fear of sounding like a terrible mother, by September I was done with home schooling. Both sides were befuddled. Both sides had given up. Not that I didn't want my children to learn, but more that I was done with the battling to learn. Someone said to me at the gate on the first day:

*'Won't you miss the long walks of summer now they are back at school?'*

To which I replied without hesitation (and perhaps too emphatically):

*'Nope. No. No, no, no...no.'*

Actually – I did lament those simpler summer days, but the glaring pressure of thinking your children's brains were actually shrinking before your very eyes, I did not miss.

Lockdown taught us parents a very interesting lesson ... that we are no good at lessons. So for schools to re-open was a big deal. When I told my husband the joyous news, he made a noise that would likely shake you from the deepest sleep. It was a cross between a hyena, guttural grunt and a small yet noisy plane taking off.

Understandably, parents - and I imagine the heroes of the hour – teachers - approached a return to school with some trepidation considering the pandemic is still very much a part of our lives. From what I hear from school, the children have been wonderful going back and slipped right back in – I use the word 'wonderful' as a sweeping generalisation because I dare someone to prove what child is 100% wonderful, all the time. That said, the fact they embraced the return of school like an old friend, was incredibly heartening. And long may it continue both for parents, children and our very patient teachers.

Caroline Parry

## Harvest Service - 4th October 2020

There are very few occasions during the church's year when we don't look forward to a particular event. The coronavirus is still dictating where we can go and what we can do depending on our age and responsibilities in life; such then was Harvest which we celebrated in church. Due to COVID19 regulations, we were not allowed to sing 'We plough the fields and scatter...' or any other hymns. We were not allowed to sit closer together than 2 metres except if we were in our bubbles, and we were certainly not allowed to have our face uncovered. In fact the celebration was not nearly as joyous as in previous years.



The one chink of light was that the two new churchwardens, Karen Nicholson and Martin Lloyd elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Due to COVID, they were commissioned by the Team Vicar on behalf of the Bishop.

The church was decorated, but to a limited degree in order to minimise any spread of the virus. Thanks must go to a team of ladies led by Fay Prater and Sue Mallinson.

*Photo: Another beautiful flower creation by Sylvia Pocock.*

Sadly, the Harvest Supper was cancelled. Let's hope for next year.

Martin Lloyd



## Brewing from Home

Many people are passionate about their wine: the types of grape and the regions they originate from. I have the same passion about real ales, which have become more popular over the last ten years or so. In the same way wine buffs discuss the nuances of different types of wine, real ale fans love to try different ales made from various combinations of malts and different hop varieties.

Having previously dabbled with homebrew as a student making unpalatable, cloudy, and toxic brews, I was keen to try home brewing again and found an ally at a Christmas party in



2018. After a few drinks, Guy Addison and I discussed our passion for good beer and decided to spend a day following a brewer at the Westerham Brewery at their new premises on the Squerryes Winery Estate. One thing led to another and after a visit to a specialist homebrew shop near Farnborough we returned home, £800 poorer, and my Volvo packed with equipment which had the capability of brewing 40 pints of ale at a time using the "full grain" method.

Having set up all the equipment in my garage, we fumbled our way through our inaugural brew which took over ten hours in total! Five weeks later our beer was ready and tasted surprisingly good. Shortly after we decided to show off some of our brews to our village friends with a beer tasting evening at my house. After a short chat about the brewing process we managed to polish off three whole barrels between us resulting in some rather unsteady villagers stumbling home and some sore heads the following day.

One villager, who was rather worse for wear, and shall remain nameless, lost his balance and fell against a door catch resulting in a two inch laceration on his arm. He still has the scar to prove it! During lockdown I took the opportunity to learn a bit more about the science of brewing and enrolled for the 'Certificate of Brewing' run by the Institute of Brewing and Distillery, which is based in Curlew Street, London. I soon realized that there was quite a lot to this brewing lark! The syllabus (equivalent to an A level) contained a lot of Biochemistry, Biology, Engineering, Statistics as well as Business Management. It is 43 years since I did my science A levels and needless to say had forgotten most of it. I found it quite hard work to discipline myself to study again, even though the subject was both interesting and stimulating.

So what next? We would both love to set up a microbrewery in the village one day, but with the Covid pandemic, the brewing/hospitality business is clearly struggling. Who knows what the future will bring ...

Peter Morley

Photo: Guy Addison and Peter Morley brewing real ale © Peter Morley

## Remembrance Sunday 2020

About 18 members of the congregation gathered at the memorial for the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock on 8th November 2020.

Revd David Weightman, Assistant Priest, read the exhortation. Wreaths of poppies were laid by the Wardens of St Peter's, the Chair of Tandridge Parish Council, Ivor Stamp and a relative of one of the Fallen. Due to COVID-19, a trumpeter was not available to play the Last Post and the Reveille this year, but a recording was used instead.

As England was in lockdown, the church was open only for private prayer.

Martin Lloyd





## The Friends of St Peter's

The new school term has been a challenging one for 'The Friends of St Peter's' fundraising team, with restrictions meaning that ways to raise much-needed funds for St Peter's School have been limited. We needed to come up with creative ways to raise money, whilst also bearing in mind everyone taking part was safe. Over the half term break, we decided to organise a village pumpkin trail for the children. Eleven pumpkins (kindly donated by Flower Farm) were placed around the village - each one carved out to spell 'witches hat' and each one kindly sponsored by a local business. A wonderful village map was designed by Mark Gatty-Saunt for the children to follow, 158 'Halloween-themed goody bags' were put together by the Friends for the children taking part to enjoy at the end of the trail and £520 was raised in



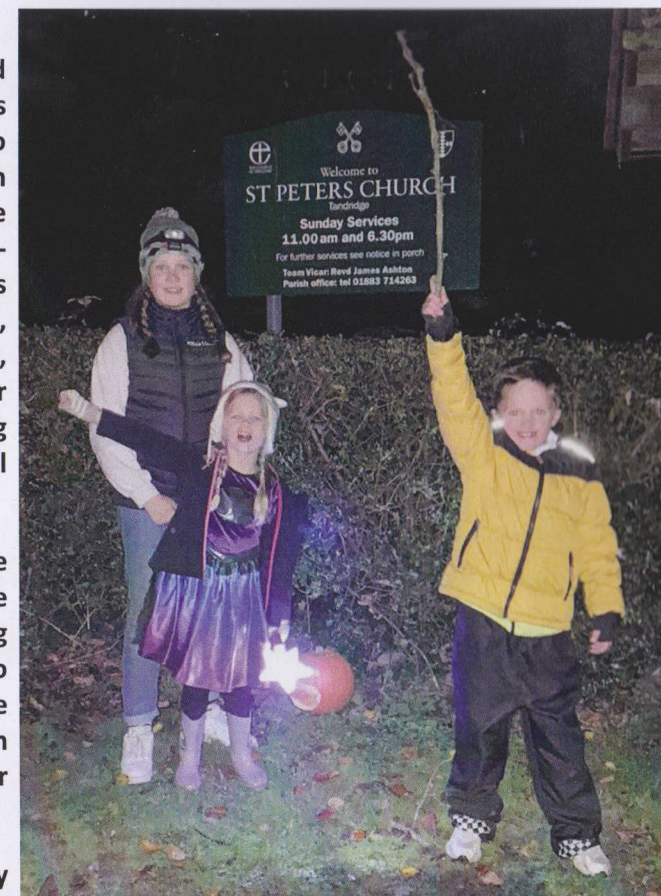
total for school. Since the trail, the feedback from the village community has been very positive - community spirit was thriving! Another fundraiser event for school was the 'Virtual Balloon race'. The race was

another way to overcome social-distancing rules, which had already forced many of our normal events this term, such as the quiz night, to be cancelled. Children bought, designed and named their virtual balloons ready for the race, which ran on a special website.

One hundred and thirteen St Peter's balloons 'appeared' to travel between 1-20km per hour round the world in the race - starting at Dracula's castle. Greta Eldridge, who lives in Tandridge, won the race, with her balloon travelling 1440.24 miles! Well done to Greta!

Our next event will be a 'reindeer run' for the children - in keeping with Christmas! So watch out around the village for children adorned with reindeer headbands!

Caroline Parry



## From the Parish Registers

*We welcome all those who are baptised into God's house:*

Alicia BYFORD - 8th September 2019

Sebastian Kenneth James STREET - 20th September 2020

*We ask God's blessing on the marriage of:*

James Edward CASHIER and Katherine Sarah HOPKINS  
who were married on 31st August 2019

*We pray for the family and friends of,  
and to receive into God's Kingdom:*

Vivien Holt WAGSTAFF (86) - 11th September 2019

David Maingay OZANNE (92) - 7th October 2020



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## Farming News December 2020

It is 7.30pm on a wet Monday night. I am sitting in my office with my two yellow Labradors who have both had supper and are settling in for a snooze and a snore. Anyone who has Labs, or most other breed of dog come to that, will know that once 'we' start snoring other sounds will follow as they relax which in turn will give hints as to the various bits of dead rabbit or other trophy that have been gobbled up during or perambulations around the farm.

By rights I should be in a pub dressed in my tweeds having had supper and enjoying the social aftermath that often concludes a day's shooting. Plenty of gossip, tall stories and wondering if it is worth coming up with a story to convince Claire that it really has taken five hours longer than I said to get home. After 15 years together, I think she probably might have cottoned on by now. However, Lockdown2 has put a stop to all that, just like it has curtailed the chance to get out for everyone else. We were busy enough through the spring and the first lockdown so I did not notice much difference then, but now having got through harvest and all the autumn work and having been looking forward to catching up with friends and getting out and about, I feel a bit lost. I helped Claire in the garden on Saturday, cleaned out some of the kitchen cupboards yesterday and even contemplated finding some silver polish to clean up a few ornaments. If this carries on for much longer, I will end up buying a fancy cycling outfit and a pushbike. Hold that image.

Yet again the weather has given us some headaches this autumn; my rain gauge totalled 7½ inches for October, but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone said they thought we had more. We did manage to plant all the crops ready for next year, but some fields have bare patches where it laid wet after we had heavy rain and the seed rotted. We might re-drill parts or even all of some fields in the spring if we get the chance. On the plus side we are in a far better position now than we were in this time last year.

You will be pleased to know that despite all the ups and downs of the year I feel that I have mellowed a bit. After all it has felt at times that it could not get much worse - turning off the BBC usually helps, but a smile and a bit of patience brightens the outlook. For instance, about a month ago I was spraying a pre-emergence herbicide at Chathill to limit weed growth in the new wheat crop. I was a little annoyed to find that someone had parked their big shiny car in one of our roadside gateways, blocking the access, while they took their dog for a walk. When the couple returned, I happened to be close

enough to request politely, honestly, if they could park a bit further down the road where they would not bother anyone. The gentleman smiled and apologised. He had the look of someone who used to be happy, got married and then realised he should have thought again, and had grown used to walking two paces behind her and saying sorry. His wife gave me a lecture on the evils of modern farming and held me personally accountable for all forms of climate change. I could have said that the side effects of the spray I was using would sharpen her tongue and spoil her looks. Fortunately, my new genial 'Countryfile' farmer approach held firm and I retreated to my sprayer in benevolent silence, besides which God hadn't been kind and had obviously got there before me.

Anyone walking along the footpath at Chathill over the past six weeks may have seen quite a bit of wool lying about. We had some compost spread soon after harvest and the wool was mixed in the compost. It wasn't bits of dead sheep as one bright spark started suggesting, just wool. Due to a design flaw sheep get dirty bottoms especially if they are eating lush grass, and they cannot go to Morrison's and buy loo roll. Every so often, and especially before shearing proper, sheep have to be gathered up and put through a handling system so a shepherd can 'crutch' them, i.e. use a set of clippers to remove the soiled wool from the sheep's nether regions. Think bio-degradable nappies. When someone has crutched 400 - 500 ewes or lambs there will be quite a pile of soiled wool to get rid of which is how it came to be on the fields.

It has now gone 9.00pm, Claire has been in and made some improvements to my grammar and punctuation. The dogs have relaxed and my glass is empty, so it is time to leave the office. I am going to catch up on the news and all this talk of a vaccine - there might be a chance to earn some extra cash. When we were milking 500 cows we used to vaccinate the entire herd en-masse three times a year, to enhance the cows' natural immunity against different bovine diseases, in about three hours by putting them through a race one by one. A race is a fixed in door handling system with a holding pen and a neck lock at the end. We still have the race and the locking yoke, all I need to do is find the vaccination gun, some new needles, a clean apron and give Boris a call. Tandridge Covid Vaccination Centre. There's a thought ...

Have the best Christmas you can, take care and let us hope 2021 is everything 2020 couldn't be. We have all learnt to think a bit differently, expect less and be more grateful for what we already have. That in itself should make next year better.

Alastair



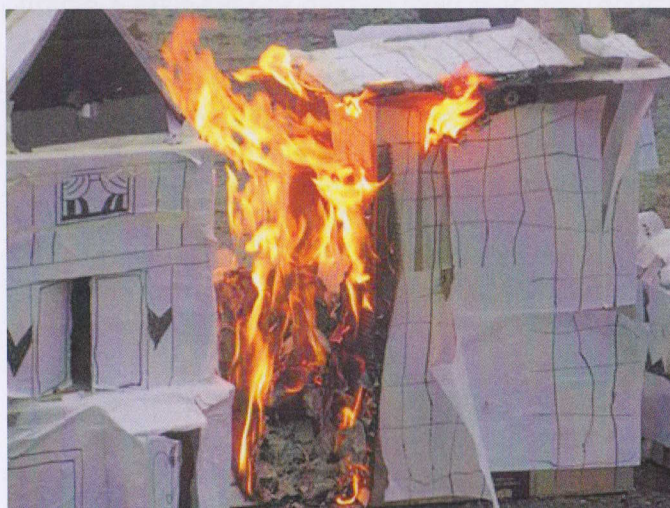
## St Peter's C of E Infant School

### November 2020



As many of our communities start turning their attention to Christmas, we at St Peter's School too are thinking carefully about how we can ensure we celebrate this special Christian time safely with our children and parents. However, before we turn attention to this, we thought we would update you on the many wonderful activities that have already taken place in the first fun-filled half term. The children and staff have been having a fantastic time. At the beginning of term, we were able to welcome Reverend Ashton to school, where he shared ideas with the children about the meaning of Harvest. The children participated in lots of great activities thinking about how we all can share and how we could persuade others less willing, that sharing is a lovely thing to do. The children used a wonderful book called 'Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!' by Candace Flemming as a starting point for this.

The children have used all our outdoor spaces to do as much learning outside as possible. They have used art and science to develop their observational skills, story themes to create fantastic role play scenarios - pulling up those parsnips (from the book 'The Enormous Turnip') was seriously hard work and PE and playtimes to keep as active as possible.



Year 2 children learnt about the Fire of London, built their own models of the houses and then burned these in the car park so they could get a real sense (scaled down) of how the fire spread quickly through the streets of London.

The children in our Busy Bee Class

have taken to school like ducks to water. They have already shown us how creative they are and are fully engaging in all the delightful learning opportunities that Mrs Smith creates for them. It is a real pleasure going into their classroom and seeing



all the wonderful activities they are doing.

In fact, all the children have been brilliant! They have shown how creative, resilient, and attentive they are. They love a challenge, and seriously rose to this when designing costumes for our Book Week, with the theme of 'Hope' (also our Christian Value for the term) by dressing up as amazing (favourite) book characters. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

We would also like to give a special mention to the Friends of St Peter's School here. They have been truly fantastic in their fundraising efforts whilst the Covid restrictions continue. At this time, when increased pressure is on everyone, they have remained stronger than ever to the cause and have outdone themselves with their creative and exciting ways to involve the whole school community. All the staff and children would like to say a huge thank you to them for all the hard work and time they have put into this and for keeping everyone smiling with their innovative ideas and newsletters.



Turning our attention back to Christmas, we would like to wish everyone a very peaceful and relaxing one. We all know that it will be a little different this year, but the true meaning of Christmas remains the same and we do hope you are able to celebrate this and share in this special time of peace.

Take care and God Bless.

Lenia Greenaway



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JANUARY

Kick in the Head – Mother Goose (A fabulous touring potted panto, full of fun for all the family with Idle Jack being ... well ... idle, the Fairy Godmother keeping her eye on all the mischief to make sure no-one is too naughty and our wonderful Goose trying to lay her first lockdown egg). Saturday 16th 11.00am, 3.00pm and 7.30pm, Sunday 17th 11.00am, 3.00pm and 7.30p. Tickets £8.00 - £12.00 available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

Oxted Comedy Night (*When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Arthur Smith and the comedians from House of Stand Up*). Saturday 30th at 7.45pm. Tickets £25.00, please note this show is only suitable for 18 years and over.

The Barn Theatre has been professionally certified as COVID-Secure  
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Tandridge  
Parish Council

Tandridge Parish Council Update from Zoom video call meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

County and District Councillor Comments:

*Proposed Crematorium:* Cllr Sayer advised that permission has been refused.

*Local Plan:* TDC continues to respond to the Inspector's requests for additional information and clarification in relation to the Local Plan. It is expected that issues around Junction 6 of the M25 and the impact on the Local Plan will take 3 months or more to document for the Inspector.

*New Chief Executive for TDC:* Jackie King, who has a background in Human Resources, has been appointed on an interim contract whilst the search for a permanent candidate is carried out.

*Freedom and Leisure in Oxted:* opened for 3 days prior to shutting again on 5<sup>th</sup> November for the current lockdown. It is expected to reopen once lockdown restrictions have eased.

Parish Environment:

*Footpaths and Stiles:* the initiative to renew damaged stiles continues and a contractor has been sourced to supply and fit the new units.

*Deanshaw Hedge:* major trimming works have been completed and a contract for annual cutting is being agreed.

Neighbourhood & Local Plan:

Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan continues to be on hold pending the outcome of the Local Plan. If no progress is made on the Local Plan in the coming months work on our Neighbourhood Plan may have to commence regardless.

Planning Applications Reviewed:

2020/1469 Orchard Cottage, Tandridge Lane, Tandridge RH8 9NJ

Construction of a detached pool house: Tandridge Parish Council have concerns regarding it size and height, also the fact it is not in keeping with surrounding area.

PA/2020/193 Blackgrove Farm, Tandridge Lane, Surrey RH7 6LW

A proposed mixed-use development of a disused brick built agricultural building: Tandridge Parish Council noted that the development is on the Green Belt Future Statutory Parish Council Meetings (format dependent upon Covid 19 advice):



## Message from the North Pole

From 1st December, there will be a red post box attached to the Blacksmith's Forge gate in Tandridge Village specifically for letters to "Santa". All parish children wishing to write to Santa may leave their post in this box. We have been reliably informed that Santa's elves will be making regular collections and ensuring that all letters are delivered speedily to the North Pole and answered by Santa and his helpers. Please make sure a home address is clearly written on all letters.



## Light up Tandridge at Christmas

With the usual Christmas social events likely to be cancelled or severely restricted this year, we have been trying to think of ways to brighten our festive season. We therefore invite everyone within the Parish to "Light up Tandridge". So have a rummage in your loft / garage and find those long lost fairy lights. Decorate your homes even more brightly this year with outdoor lights and illuminated Christmas trees where others can see them. Join with your neighbours to create a really good display. Let's make our parish look fabulous to bring cheer to residents and visitors alike.

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## Tandridge Village Community supporting each other.

### Covid 19

You have received this as you are part of the Tandridge Village Community.

As we all know, the coronavirus is now spreading round the UK.

If anyone in the Tandridge village community area is self isolating in case they have contracted the virus or because they want to avoid coming into contact with it, and needs help to collect shopping or prescriptions, there is a network of residents who have volunteered to help.

Please contact

### Tandridge Village Community Co-ordinators

Susie Francis 01342 892019 / 07977 906778

Anne Stocker 01883 714907 / 07855 370180

and we will do our best to assist.





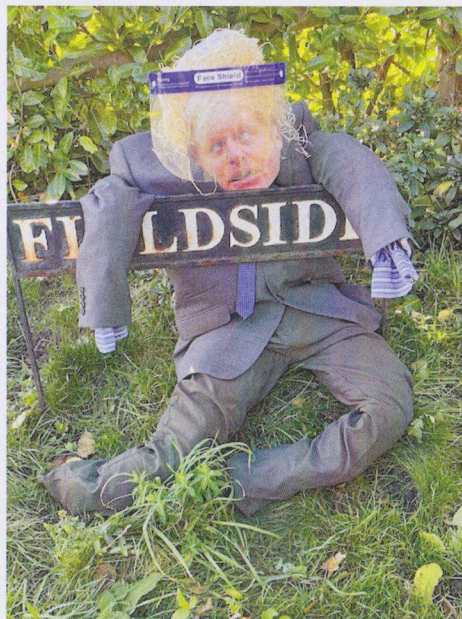
In early October, the Parish Council sponsored a "Guy" competition in the village and the entrants were judged on a clear and bright afternoon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November by Ivor Stamp (Chairman of the Parish Council) and village resident, Sylvia Pocock.



The Walker family came first with a very relevant (at the time of judging)



"Trust me, I never lose" Donald Trump (top left). Second were the Addisons with their Lockdown Scooby (top right) and third, the Talbots with a genteel country folk guy (below left). A good runner up was Boris (below right). First, second and third places all won prizes.



## Local Nature Reserves

We all need nature, especially at times like this. Our neighbouring parish of Godstone boasts four nature reserves, owned or managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust. In case you aren't familiar with them they are: Bay Pond, Blindley Heath, Tilburstow Hill and Graeme Hendrey Wood.



Bay Pond reserve includes the land to the north of the pond itself, comprising two meadows, two smaller ponds and woodland. Part of the site is classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and includes an area of wet woodland or alder carr. Land to the north of the public footpath as far as the A23 also belongs to the reserve and there are plans, funds permitting, to install a series of lagoons and reedbeds to prevent silt entering Bay Pond itself and improve conditions for wildlife. The reserve is not usually open to the public, but look out for open days, and is used as an educational resource (in normal times) and by a local forest school.

Blindley Heath is a large area of rare damp grassland (also an SSSI), with areas of woodland and blackthorn scrub. The blackthorn supports brown hairstreak butterflies and at one time nightingales, though not sure if they have been heard recently. There are several footpaths crossing the site, but parking is limited to the layby next to the Red Barn.

Tilburstow Hill is a chestnut wood with views from the sandstone ridge to the south. There's a car park on the south side of Rabies Heath Road.

Graeme Hendrey Wood lies to the south of Rabies Heath Road. It's a former sand and gravel working, now heavily wooded, but with a good display of bluebells each spring and much less crowded than Staffhurst Wood. From the Tilburstow Hill car park, the entrance to the reserve is further along the road on the other side. The wood is quite wild, but you can follow a self-guided circular trail.

All four sites are looked after by the Wildlife Trust with the help of local volunteers. For more information and if you are interested in volunteering see the Surrey Wildlife Trust website.

Steve Mercer, Volunteer



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## The Oxted Rotary

Christmas PLEASE Campaign

PLEASE give a little . . . . PLEASE take a little . . .

This Christmas promises to be the most unusual ever and we are having to adapt to the way we run our Christmas appeal for funds to help those in need. So Oxted Rotary Club will be running an online appeal that allows the community to give a little and take a little.

To help fund this initiative, we would normally provide a large Christmas tree outside Boots and collect loose change from passing shoppers in the weeks prior to Christmas, but this is no longer possible. Instead we are asking you to give a little by text and our giant tree is being replaced by a smaller tree close to the water feature outside Elements, maintaining our 50-year old tradition of erecting a tree in Oxted High Street at Christmas time.

So, to give a little, Make a Wish to Santa and

text PLEASE followed by your donation amount to 70085

For example, to donate £2.00, send PLEASE 2 and your text will cost the amount of your donation plus one standard rate message. PLEASE help us to help others enjoy their Christmas.

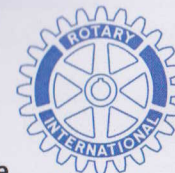
To allow those in need to take a little, we are extending our Community Grant Scheme in order to help deserving families with children under the age of 18. We have also teamed up with Morrison's to provide Gift Vouchers for turkeys and other seasonal goodies in the immediate run-up to Christmas.

Oxted Rotary Club is inviting applications NOW from those in need, so if you believe that you are likely to meet the eligibility criteria and you live in Oxted or immediately surrounding areas, please complete an application form and send it to us as soon as possible.

To obtain an application form, either send an email to [grants@oxtedrotary.org.uk](mailto:grants@oxtedrotary.org.uk) with 'PLEASE' in the subject line, or, if you need a hard copy, request an Oxted Rotary PLEASE application form by sending your name and address to Tandridge Voluntary Action, email [info@tva.org.uk](mailto:info@tva.org.uk)

The value of Gift Voucher Grants will depend on the circumstances of the family applying and will be entirely at the discretion of the Oxted Rotary Club. The vouchers will enable the recipient to purchase anything from a Morrison's store with the exception of tobacco or alcohol and applicants are required to confirm their agreement to these conditions.

A little give and take will make Christmas happier for everyone.





## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Chair, Friends of the School: Caroline Parry and Aileen Ross

### Tandridge Village Hall Management Committee

Chair: Dr Peter Morley  
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### Tandridge Village Pre-School

Michaela Harris 07491 143833

### Tandridge Teddies and Toddler Group

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

#### Worship - Sunday Services:

8:00am (1st Sun) Holy Communion  
11:00am Family Worship - A Service of the Word  
(Last Sunday of the month) Family Communion  
6:30pm Evening Prayer except:-  
(3rd Sun) with Holy Communion

**See page 3 for specific services during the current two months.**

#### Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

Please contact the Parish Office

#### Care of the Church and Churchyard:

To help keep the church in good repair and fit for divine worship, please contact:

**Church Flowers:** Sue Mallinson 714775  
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